

# The meane in Spending:

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*Præstat esse Prometheus quam Epimetheus.*



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**N**o Delphicke oracle is truer than that *Maxime*, *The hardest shange is een of greatest vaine*. Wherefore *Aristote* the great, doth easily win credit to his bookees *de Anima*, by foretelling the difficultie of the intended subiect. Now, of all things vnder the heauens hollownes, nought is attained with lesse facilitie than vertue: which is so inestimable a gemme, that the dainty fancies of *Pallorus*, the golden bowels of *Guido*, nay, the perfect intrelenting *Diamond* by comparison will be come odious. The reason why she is so deereley bought is perspicuous: for that there are millions of wayes to stull, and porre one to goodnes. So then, it must needs be praisably done, to hit the clout in a field, the punch in a butte, the centre in a circumference. If the marall Scholler wil sic his Vertues triumphing chariot, he must be a *Phœbus*, and make his wilde affections treade the right path: lest if *Phaeton* like he give them head, they forthwith carie him to the *Lion*, and *Bull*: to the *Bow*, and *Scorpion*, to one vgly tree on other. It is much to come acquainted with vertue in generall; but especially with that gentlemanly habit *beneficence*: whose praises no wight can expresse, though bee runne division vpon them selfe a yere together. The very name of her is *David*: *Musick* to a god caries but (alas) not one

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of many that by shooting short, or over doth not lose her. The saying of father Chremes to his selfe-vexing neighbour will late with the most,

*Peccatum in exrami, partem, Maledictum, et nimis,  
Am largitatem nimis, et parsimonia.*

But, lest I be holden a vagabond, I betake me to method. First I describe the bounteous man: then I point out the most direct, and compendious way to his vertue. Some such order I observe in the extremes.

He is the liberall man that bestowes his precious mettle upon such persons, and matters as is behouefull in such fars, and time as he myght.

*That bestowes.] For it is the property of vertue, rather to gaine than receive. It is also more difficult.*

*Upon such persons.] For every Simon that hath *grossuere laborum cantorum* in his mouth, doth not taste of this mercy. Hee regardeth not the parasticall kis-finger, & soothng table-friend, who seemes to gratifie him with faire demeanure, when indeed he is a *Molarius*, a *Pampagus*, and a deuourer of his substance.*

He abhorres the vnsufferable, execrable, and reprobate Isleten, knowing him to be the diuellis quale-pipe, that callis gentiles to their bane. *As for the partie wench with the loches qualitie, he may not brouke her: and why? He is sure shee will go proud, when she goes proud: and cause both purse and body to be fone exhaust.*

No, no, he consideres that *Bonnie*, and *Justice* are two louing twins, that alwaies walke hande in hande. Hee valces a view of the maners of his relatives, of his affection, of his landable partes, rewarding him most freely whom hee findeth most vertuous. *Againe, his purse is preseverwhere there is most need. He is the Zephyrus that breathes on the widow, orphan, and loure-forsed criple,* and

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and on the true Souldier maimed in defence of our common mother.

Above al, he is gracious to the learned sisters (whom antique Poets most truely feigned to be virgins, so easily are they wronged and misused of this gracieles age.)

Concerning expences vpon huelles subiects, he is warie and prouident; prouiding alwates that he main-taine his credit; imitating *Nature*, which abideth neither defect nor superfluitie. He is none of those that build vast kitchins, but cold: spatiuous ouens, but empie: gaudie chimmies, but smokeles. He is none of those that raise proud turrets, and ample chambers, with Peri-  
paticall galleries, till their purses lye speechles, and they become right housekeepers. What doth he then? Mary he vseth the best method, beginning *a notioribus matra*, wirth the barne and kilne, and in tract of time e-  
rectes a worthy house to the relieuing of needy visiters.

To take leaue of this pointe: he spends nothing on gorgeous aray, the tel-tale of vanitie: nor vpon froh-  
king, the immediat predecessor to *Venerie*: but hath his purse in a string, and keepes a *decorum* in his actions.

*In such sort and time as he ought.]* For benignitie must be correspondent to the giuers ability. Of all, and of all he lookes to this, that himselfe be not drawen drie, lest too late, he sigh forth a booke de tristibus pester'd with such like verles, *Tempus erat quando poterā placuisse rogāti;*

*Heimibi quid non est.*

Wherfore he euer forecasteth, and remembreth that *Dor non dicuntur.*

Furthermore, he perfourmeth his action with deli-  
beration, aduisedly, prudently, chearefully, and for the right ende: For *Liberalitie* consisteth not in the quantitie of the gifte, but in the minde of the Giver. Finally, hee is never Practitioner when hee is inuironed with

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with cies: for that is ostentation, and ranke payson to this vertue. Go too now, were I a *Theophrast*, or *Marcus Tully*, that golden Trump of eloquence, yet should I come short in commending the *Liberall*. O heauenlie mind that esteemes go'de as *Quick-silver*, and *Brin-stone*, scorning to be vassalliz'd by an *Indian Exrement*. Who keepes open house, and open purle: regarding others, and yet not neglecting himselfe, vpholding others, and yet himselfe not vnder. Surely so healthfull a plannes, that blesseth his inferiours with his influence, in spight of *Envie* and *Tyme* shall purchase immortallitie. There is a two-fold thred will bring thee out of the *Labyrinth* of vice to *Beneficence*.

First, thou must indeuour to auyode that vice, which is most opposite to it.

Then, thou must marke to which of the vices thou art most inclined by nature, and frame thy selfe to the contrarie.

Now step I ouer to the Spend-all who consuming his *Patrimonie*, killles himselfe with kindnesse: & this yongster is rather to be pitied for his follie, than condemned out of measure for his fault. This vnthrift is onely *Pro nunc (as Latell faies) never prognosticating, vniuersall* on this wise.

The first day merrie weather. The second and third unmasked heauen. The fourth and fift, weather indeed. Full moone on Munday the sixt, limpid ayre. The seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth, never such trim weather since king *Richard* id naked to *Leicester*. The eleventh, and twelft, dame *Earbs* haire waxes long. The thirteenth, the sunne sheades his beames most radiantly. The fourteenth & fifteenth the may-bird sings plain-song (hastily). The sixteenth, and seventeenth, weather, weather, weather, fine weather, wifched weather. And thus,

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thus regardlesse of flete, blacke frost, tempests, thus  
deslaps, eclipses, after a while, like the *Opaine Moods*,  
he hath euermore an Aduerbe of wishing ioyned with  
him. If he meete his mistresse, he halas her to the Lay-  
bells, and at first dashes out, Drawer, fit a quarte of  
thy most vendible claret. His brame heated, the cor-  
ruption of one pot is the generation of another. Then  
coupleth he lippes with his mate, and threatens down-  
fall to the chamber. And when his purse is cooke-light  
he thus triumphs over her.

"Dicte is Peacocke, & Told unto Peacocke: (as thought he  
meant it the cow mentioned in Ovids *Crocodile*, and her  
Vigilant keeper, whose hundred eyes were sette in the  
Peacocke's taille.) Even to the good andeke Cocke, whch he  
hath mewed all the kindeste to his hens that he can,  
crows and clappes his wings, and is lighter by a pound  
at the least. Now will he take heede of the *Identical sea*, cal-  
led *Item*, and there till he be vpon the more desse rocke,  
named *Summa totalis*. Alacke for pittis that the bold  
wittie and kindest natures are most addicted to this  
good vice. Well shew nevere he blantable, yet in some  
part it agreeith with *Liberall*, and by Age and Want  
any bothe be broughte to the descrete. *Thomifoces* was  
such an vngractions wag, and so frantique, that his father dis-  
inherited him, and his mother dispairing of his amend,  
made a long letter of her selfe. Yet in processe of time  
he was not the man: for he left his bly-wayes, and grow  
to singular account with the weake publike. *Fabius* was  
a wilde youth, yet in his best time a man of good stuffe.  
This so, no doubt but the land-hearted gentleman may  
descend to the meane, which shall in short time be effec-  
ted: if for a time he strive to bee misgrable. Not for a  
*Persian mountaine* would I amplifie this poynte anye  
more: for I think each *Nowarhous* will lig at the in-  
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## Summary of spending

Barrie. *Barrie-caps. Faerie.* At this churle fauours of  
maitring-his earth; so bath he a down-looke. His neigh-  
hours made cannot fetch fire, but he thinkes his pelle is  
gone with her. And crickets nor scraoch for a corner,  
but he feares his coyne will be digged up. Where be as  
there hitz not wher he is nor, there he is, for his spuds  
is among st his fylles. He is hourly taking vp sustenance,  
and yet not for himselfe. *Barrie-caps. Faerie.* *Barrie-caps. Faerie.*  
*Say, say for yeys sake of me, bear the joker to me.*

## S. Almanac in Spending.

bedsippeling, and bath shewn him a manches by light  
upon his master, going and returning by most curiously,  
so that all men had known by his counte nose. *note*  
No mister, if all masters were soyled. So wised by Sir  
Astrophel were I a judge, they shold all and none of  
them be wised offoundly to the great and dangering of  
sheir misiboners. Cursed Astrophel is, he goeth pligton  
swallowing gulfe, a bottomlesse hell, the greatest euill  
that sheit hould eare shuffle into a countrey. Wher the  
syste is bigge, the body is little, where this mischiefe  
increaseth, verain is a coniumption. O what a rotten  
taile of euill doth this lamebeast draw after her. Hence  
is it that the fetherlesshull, not his hunger quailed,  
while the mouse and mouse therewer themselues in the  
garner. Hence is it that the Clients purse is never lesse  
full than when ful. Hence it is that the tenth sheafe is  
scarse the tenth part of the fulnes, or at the least, the least  
in the companie. Hence it is that one and the selfe same  
dish, shewes it selfe on one and the selfe same table, til it  
be either gray-headed, or *vide Aristotelem de generatione  
Animalium*. Hence it is that the dunce hides his butter-  
teeth in bacon, while the approoved scholler pickes  
marrow out of a *Spade-bone*. Hence it is that the farmer  
deales with his daughter, as he does with his heefar in  
the market, he that will giue most for her, take her. In  
summe, hence it is that such a number of money-men  
ride continually to hell in wheele-barrowes. Who lists  
to weare *Domes* his repente in *Adelphi*, shall seues in  
*Cytheride*, the cursed fether of *Albion*. This carle,  
whom a long time had beene all *greffis famus*, *tristis*, *par-*  
*cus*, *irruentus*, *senax*, (for so he speakeith of himselfe to  
himself) on asodain becomes a *Mioio*. The reason, *Mei*  
*me fugient, meam mortem expectant*. Lo here the guerdon  
of too much neerenesse, hate is the misers seruynge-man.

## The man in Spending.



of 200 miles circumference, passes through the interior of the mountain, and connects the two basins. The water is conducted from the upper basin through a series of pipes and aqueducts to the lower basin, where it is used for irrigation purposes. The water is also used for the generation of hydroelectric power, which is sold to the surrounding communities. The dam is a concrete structure, 100 feet high and 1,000 feet long, and it has a capacity of 100,000 cubic feet per second. The water is released from the dam through a series of gates, and it flows down the river, eventually emptying into the ocean. The dam is a major engineering achievement, and it has provided a reliable source of water and power for the region.

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